



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5291

LCO No. 1383



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING "RED ZONES" ON CONNECTICUT'S
HIGHWAYS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) As used in this
2 section, "red zone" means an area on any state highway, designated by
3 red painted lanes, where two lanes of traffic merge into one lane of
4 traffic.
- 5 (b) On or before January 1, 2015, the Department of Transportation
6 shall establish red zones on all state highways.
- 7 (c) On and after January 1, 2015, except in an emergency, (1) the
8 operator of any vehicle in a red zone shall promptly merge out of the
9 red zone at the earliest time such merge is safe, and (2) no operator of a
10 motor vehicle shall enter a red zone for the purpose of bypassing other
11 motor vehicles.
- 12 (d) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (c) of this
13 section shall have committed an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To improve safety on Connecticut's highways.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]